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SUBJECT: GOI RESPONSE TO FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE

1. CSIS HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH A COPY OF THE INDONESIAN TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ON DETAILS OF THE DETAINEE RELEASE PROGRAM REQUESTED BY THE FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE. GOI IS SENDING TEXT TO ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON FOR TRANSLATION AND SUBMISSION TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OAKLEY FOR TRANSMISSION TO FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE. RELEASE HAS NOW BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 20.

2. THE STATEMENT OPENS BY QUOTING PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S MENTION OF RELEASE PLANS IN AUG. 16 STATE ADDRESSES IN 1976 AND 1977; KOPKAMTIB CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SUDOMO'S REMARK TO THE PRESS SPET. 26 THAT 10,000 CLASS B DEATINEES WOULD BE RELEASED IN DECEMBER 1977, 10,000 IN DECEMBER 1978, AND THE REST IN DECEMBER 1979; AND SUDOMO'S STATEMENT OCT. 25 THAT RELEASEES WHO GO TO RESETTLEMENT CENTERS WILL GO VOLUNTARILY, WITH ABSOLUTELY NO COMPULSION WERE ALSO QUOTED.

3. STATEMENT THEN CITES FOLLOWING TOTAL NUMBERS OF
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DETAINEES:
TOTAL - ALL CLASSES 29,651
CLASS A 1194
CLASS B 27,542 (11,672 ON BURU IS.)
CLASS X (DETAINED UP TO AND 679
INCLUDING 1976 AND NOT YET ASSIGNED TO CLASS A OR B)
CLASS Y (DETAINED IN 1977 236

AND NOT YET ASSIGNED TO CLASS A OR B)

COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE, THESE FIGURES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY SUDOMO.

4. STATEMENT CONTINUES THAT ALL DETAINEES ARE TO BE EITHER BROUGHT TO TRIAL (CLASS A) OR RELEASED. CLASS A DETAINEES NOT QUALIFIED FOR TRIAL WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO CLASS B AND RELEASED IN 1979.

5. THE STATEMENT MENTIONS TWO METHODS OF RETURNING THE DETAINEES TO SOCIETY: BY RELEASING THEM DIRECTLY TO SOCIETY UNDER THE PAROLE SYSTEM (SIX MONTHS HOUSE ARREST FOLLOWED BY SIX MONTHS CITY ARREST); AND BY ESTABLISHING RESETTLEMENT CENTERS FOR THEM. WOMEN DETAINEES WILL BE RELEASED DIRECTLY. THOSE WHO CANNOT FARM WILL BE GIVEN OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

5. RELEASEES WHO RESETTLE ARE TO BE GIVEN ALL FACILITIES GIVEN TO REGULAR TRANSMIGRANTS, INCLUDING 4-5 HECTARES OF DRY LAND OR 2 HECTARES OF IRRIGATED LAND PER FAMILY, WITH THREE-FOURTHS HECTARE ALREADY PREPARED FOR FARMING. EACH FAMILY WILL RECEIVE HOUSING, AND A LIVING ALLOWANCE FOR NINE MONTHS DURING THE TIME THEY CAN NOT YET SUPPORT THEMSELVES. COMMUNITY NEEDS WILL BE MET WITH THE PROVISION OF MARKETS, SCHOOLS, PLACES OF WORSHIP, AND HEALTH CENTERS. RESETTLERS WILL RECEIVE REGULAR CITIZEN ID CARDS AND MAY TRAVEL FREELY LIKE OTHER CITIZENS. COMMENT: WHILE CONFIDENTIAL

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STATEMENT DID NOT SPECIFY WHEN RESETTLERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL FREELY, CSIS STAFFER LIM BIAN KIE TELLS US THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO SAME PAROLE SYSTEM (ONE YEAR) AS THOSE RELEASED DIRECTLY TO SOCIETY.

6. THOSE DETAINEES NOW IN WORK CENTERS LEARNING SKILLS TO BE USED ON THEIR RELEASE, SYAS THE STATEMENT, MAY SUPPORT THEMSELVES BY SELLING THE PRODUCTS OF THEIR WORK. THE PROCEEDS ARE TO BE USED FOR THEIR NEEDS, WITH SOME OF THE MONEY BEING PLACED IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS UNTIL THEIR RELEASE.

7. THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES WITH THE NOTICE THAT THE 10,000 DETAINEES RELEASED IN 1977 WILL BE FREED ON DECEMBER 20 AND WILL RETURN DIRECTLY TO SOCIETY.

8. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY LIM BIAN KIE THAT MANY OF THE DETAILS OF THE RELEASE PROGRAM ARE STILL NOT DETERMINED. FURTHER DECISIONS WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO US AS THEY ARE TAKEN, HE PROMISED. LIM POINTS OUT THAT, ALTHOUGH RESETTLEMENT IS VOLUNTARY AND THE LARGE MAJORITY OF PRISONERS ARE OPTING AGAINST IT, THOSE RELEASEES WHO TURN OUT TO HAVE NO JOB OR FAMILY TO CARE FOR THEM WILL

HAVE NO OTHER OPTION THAN TO VOLUNTEER FOR RESETTLEMENT.
ALSO STILL UNCLEAR ARE PLANS FOR RELEASE CEREMONIES.
THESE ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED IN MEDAN, BANDUNG, AND
BANJARMASIN ON DECEMBER 20, WITH NO FORMAL INVITATIONS
TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO LIM BIAN
KIE, EMBASSIES MAY BE INFORMALLY TOLD THAT THEY ARE WEL-
COME TO SEND OBSERVERS TO ANY OF THE CEREMONIES. HE AD-
VISED US NOT TO MAKE PLANS UNTIL SUCH A MESSAGE IS RECEIVED.
IT IS NOW UNCERTAIN WHETHER SUDOMO WILL ATTEND CEREMONY IN
MEDAN OR BANDUNG. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE CHANGES IN DATE,
CEREMONIES, ETC., REFLECT ANY WEAKENING OF GOI PURPOSE,
BUT ARE SIMPLY PART OF THE USUAL CONFUSION THAT ACCOMPANIES
INDONESIAN ADVANCE PLANNING.

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